

Senate Bill 374 **PRE-FILE**

By: Senators Douglas of the 17th, Grant of the 25th, Schaefer of the 50th, Staton of the 18th, Williams of the 19th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses, so as to define a certain term; to provide for a lifetime, honorary hunting and fishing license for certain veterans; to provide certain conditions; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses, is amended by inserting immediately following Code Section 27-2-4.2 a new Code section to read as follows:

"27-2-4.3.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'returning veteran' means a person who is discharged from active duty as a member of the regular or reserve component of the United States armed forces, the United States Coast Guard, the Georgia National Guard, or the Georgia Air National Guard and who was on ordered federal duty for a period of 90 days or longer after September 11, 2001.

(b) The department shall issue a lifetime, honorary hunting and fishing license to any returning veteran which shall entitle him or her to hunt and fish in this state without the payment of fees described in Code Section 27-2-23. A returning veteran requesting such an honorary license shall provide proof of his or her discharge.

(c) Any person holding a valid honorary license pursuant to this Code section shall not be required to obtain the trout license and big game license otherwise required by Code Section 27-2-6.

(d) All honorary hunting and fishing licenses issued pursuant to this Code section are subject to all wildlife laws, rules, and regulations with the exception of the provisions

1 requiring the payment of fees described in Code Section 27-2-23 for such licenses. Such
2 honorary licenses may be revoked in accordance with this title. It shall be unlawful for any
3 person who has an honorary hunting and fishing license to permit the use of same by any
4 other person."

5 **SECTION 2.**

6 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.